



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 8, 2013
11:00 a.m.



Praising His Name

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,
so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Improvisation on SAGINA"arr. Morrow
"Kingsfold" arr. Robert J. Powell

Lenora Morrow, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" arr. Statom

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"..... NETTLETON

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 40:1-5..... Blanche P. Tosh

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... NETTLETON

**Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrificed to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.**

Receiving His Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose mercy we forget due to the hardness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and deceitful desires,
so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, trusting in Your grace,
and finding in You our true refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" .. NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "God, Thou Art Love" Craig Courtney
text by Robert Browning

If I forget, yet God remembers.
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,
Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts up my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know
That I am in God's keeping, shielded so,
From all that else would harm,
And in the hour of stern temptation,
Strengthened by His power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown;
I lift no burden, bear no pain alone;
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found:
The everlasting arms my life surround,
My life surround!

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that.
I know Thee who has kept my path.
And made a light for me in the darkness,
Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.
It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WYE VALLEY

**Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

Hearing His Word

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 4:17-24
(page 978 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Christian Conversion* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF SALVATION: No. 455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Sinfonia in C Major" J.S. Bach

◆Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

Sunday Night Worship - 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord's Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.